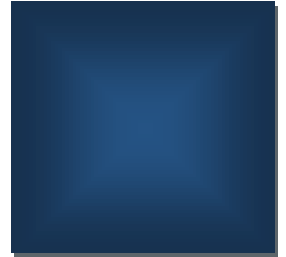
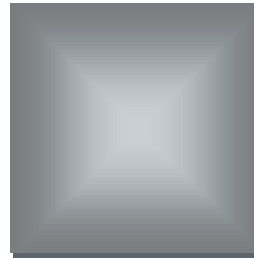


# 2017 IOWA INDUSTRY PROFILE

## CONSTRUCTION

### IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT



#### Executive Summary

In 2016, the **Construction** sector comprised 5.3 percent of all public and private employment in Iowa; however, this is an industry that is sensitive to the volatilities of the business cycle, so this percentage is subject to more variation than in other industries. This sector had an average annual wage of \$57,998 in 2016, which is 29.1 percent higher than the statewide average of \$44,925 for all industries (public and private sector).

The sector was hit hard by the recession, as employment fell from 74,607 in 2008 to 63,096 in 2010, a 15.4 percent decrease in just two years. However, from 2010 through 2016, employment jumped by 30.2 percent to its current level of 82,170, thanks in large part to the numerous projects taking place in urban areas across the state. Wages have also increased since the recession; the average year-over-year increase in wages from 2010 through 2016 was 5.4 percent.

Men make up an overwhelming majority of this industry, holding 88.2 percent of all jobs in the sector.





## CONSTRUCTION IOWA INDUSTRY PROFILE

### What is Construction?

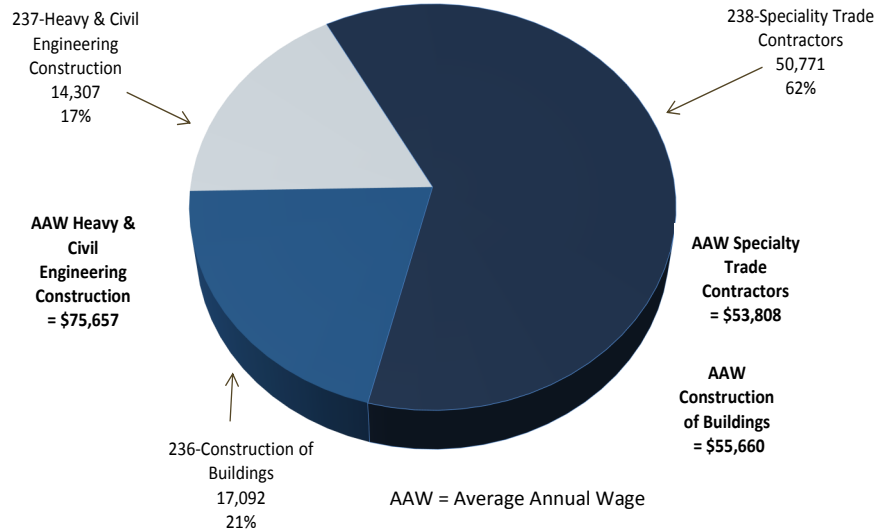
The **Construction** sector is comprised of establishments primarily engaged in the construction of buildings, engineering projects (e.g., highways and utility systems) or in the construction trades.

Establishments primarily engaged in the preparation of sites for new construction or primarily engaged in subdividing land for sale as building sites are also included in this sector.

Construction work done may include new work, additions, alterations or maintenance and repairs. Activities of these establishments generally are managed at a fixed place of business, but they usually perform construction activities at multiple project sites.

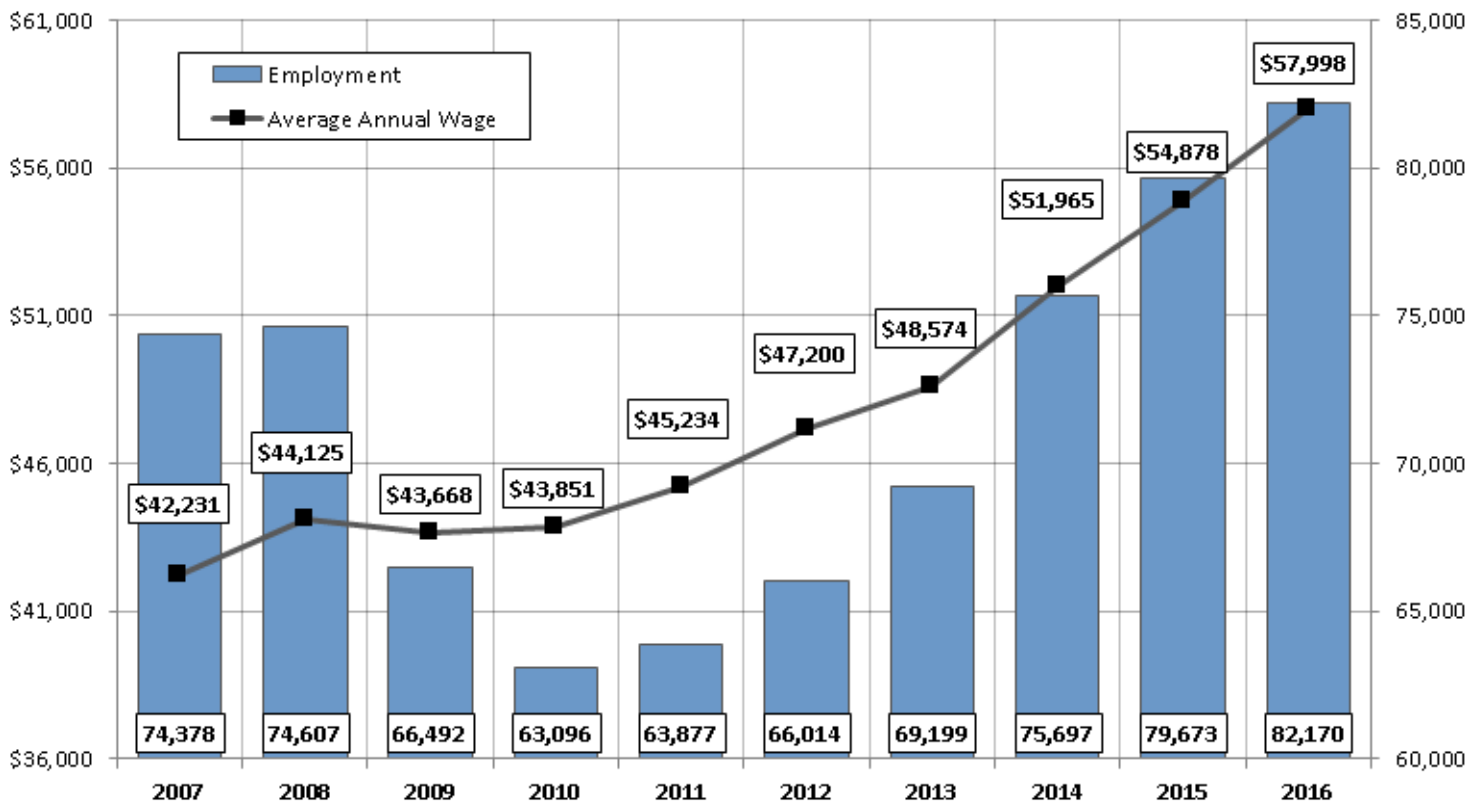
Source: [www.bls.gov/cew/bls\\_naics/bls\\_naics\\_app.htm](http://www.bls.gov/cew/bls_naics/bls_naics_app.htm)

### 2016 Industry Breakout by Employment in Iowa *Construction NAICS Industry Coding*



Source: Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW), Iowa Workforce Development

### 2007-2016 Employment in Construction in Iowa



# CONSTRUCTION IOWA INDUSTRY PROFILE



## Examples of Major Construction Employers

Name of Company	Industry
Ames Laboratory	Other Specialty Trade Contractors
Baker Electric	Electrical & Other Wiring Contractors
Baker Group	Building Equipment Contractors
Carl A Nelson & Co	New Single-Family Housing Construction
Casey's Services Co	Other Heavy Construction
Hon Co Oak Steel Plant	Welding & Steel Fabrication
Kinzler Construction Svc	Insulation Contractors-Cold & Heat
Modern Co.	Mechanical Contractors
Tri City Communications	Building Electrical Equipment Contractors
Weitz Agricultural Services	New Single-Family Housing Construction

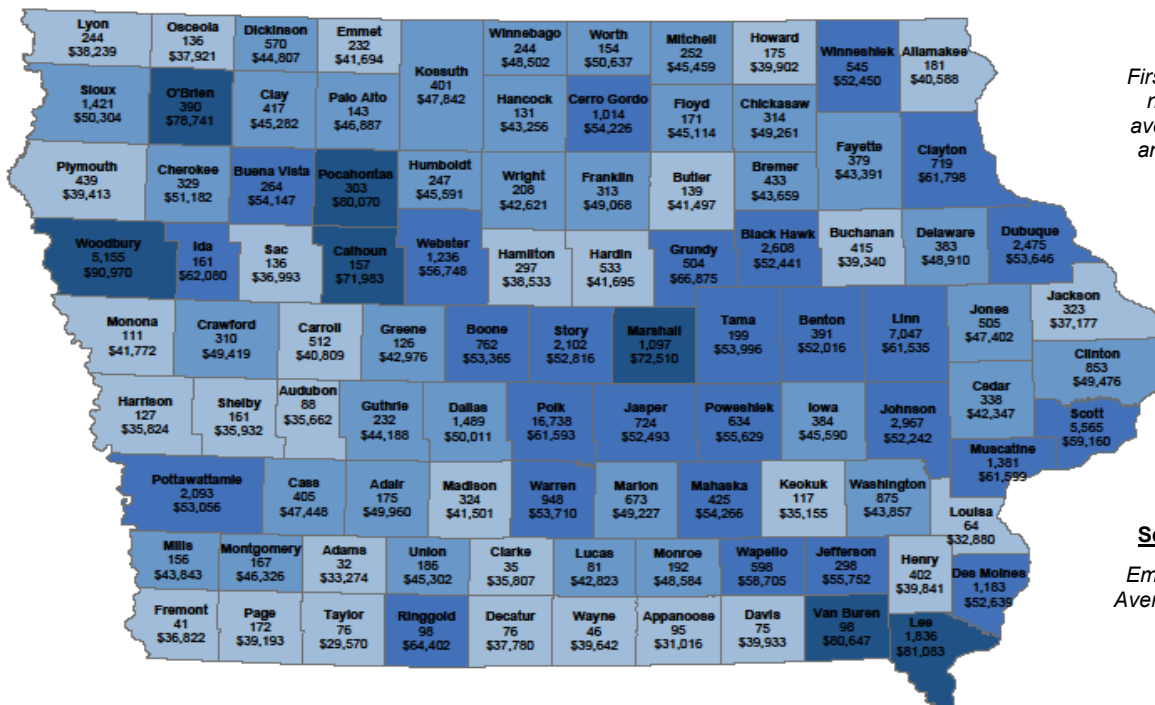
Source: [www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/employer-database](http://www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/employer-database)

## Employers

In 2016, there were 9,594 **Construction** locations across Iowa, employing 82,170 people averaged throughout the year. Construction work tends to be seasonal.

The **Heavy & civil engineering construction** subsector accounts for 17 percent of total covered sector employment—making it the smallest but best paid segment with average annual wage of \$75,657, **Construction of buildings** represents 21 percent, and the largest subsector, **Specialty trade contractors**, employs 62 percent of all sector employment.

## 2016 Covered Employment in Construction by County



**Label Key:**  
First line is the county name followed by average employment and finally, average wage.

**Sector Statewide:**  
Employment - 82,170  
Average Annual Wage - \$57,998

**Wages** Less than \$41,772 \$41,773 - \$51,182 \$51,183 - \$66,875 Greater than \$66,876

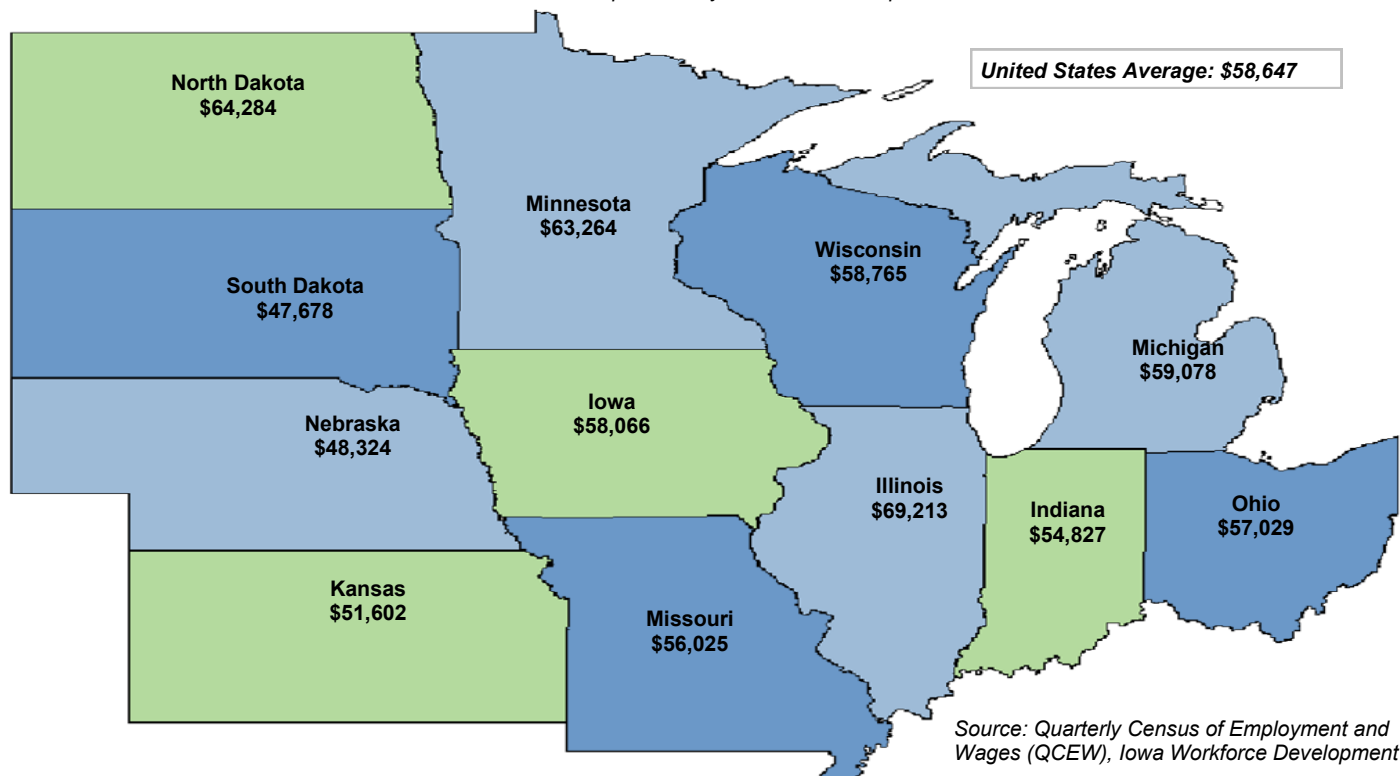
Source: Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW), Iowa Workforce Development

<https://www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/labor-market-information-division>

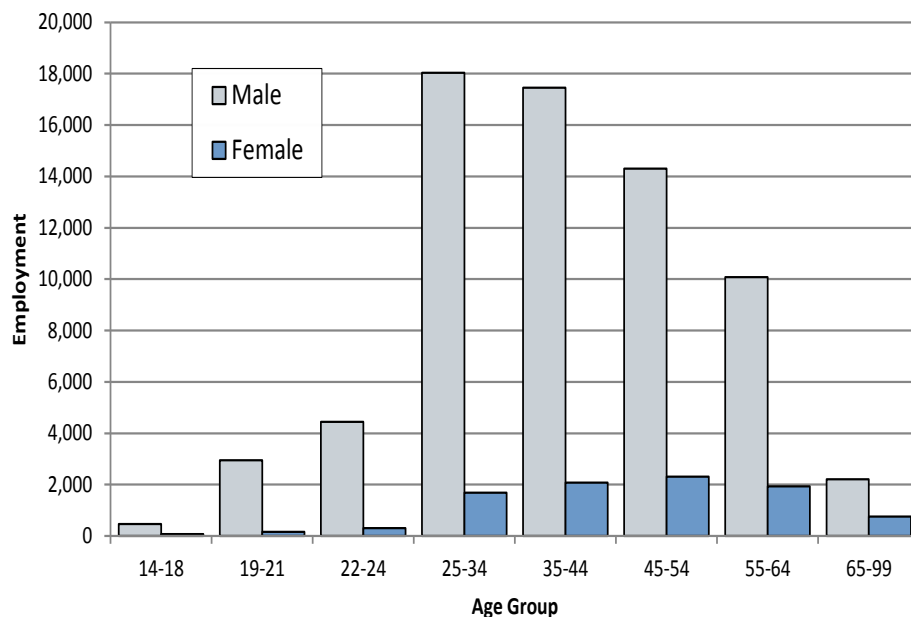
## CONSTRUCTION IOWA INDUSTRY PROFILE

### 2016 Average Annual Wage for Covered Employment in Construction

State Comparisons by Private Ownership



### Industry Distribution by Age and Gender 2nd Qtr. 2016



Source: Local Employment Dynamics, Iowa Workforce Development and U.S. Census Bureau  
<https://lehd.ces.census.gov/>

#### Contact Information

##### Iowa Workforce Development, Employment Statistics Bureau

1000 E Grand Ave  
 Des Moines, IA 50319  
 800-532-1249  
 Fax: 515-281-8195  
 lwd.lmi@iwd.iowa.gov  
 www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov

Equal opportunity employer/program.  
 Auxiliary aids and services are available  
 upon request to individuals with disabilities.

TTY 515-281-4748  
 1-800-831-1399

IOWA  
**WORKFORCE**  
 DEVELOPMENT  
 Smart. Results.

<https://www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/labor-market-information-division>